

In The Abstract

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A b s t r a c t of the Disclosure

- 1.——A process for the stabilization and disinfection of sludge wherein
 - a) raw sludge having a dry matter content of from 3 to 7 % by weight is fed continuously or quasi-continuously into a first stage, where it remains for an average retention time of three to ten days under aerobic-thermophilic conditions to obtain a partially stabilized sludge; and
 - b) the said partially stabilized sludge is fed into a second stage in which disinfection of the partially stabilized sludge is effected at temperatures of at least 50 °C, wherein prior to discharging, there is no charging until thesaid partially stabilized sludge has been disinfected.

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